

Dear Members,

### **Meeting on Tuesday 19 October 2021 at the Woodlands Centre (Rustington, BN16 3HB)**

We continue to meet up in person. It was lovely to see many of our members in September and we hope more of you will join us next week. Please note, the meeting will start with our AGM. To allow enough time for our Lecturer, **the doors will open at 09.30 am**. Mask-wearing is optional, but we would urge you to be considerate of other members and wear one if you can. I will do a lateral covid test before arriving and trust it will be negative! We will not ask for proof of a Covid pass. Hand sanitiser is available at the entrance, please use it before entering the room. Our volunteers, masked, will again be ready to tick off your name. Everyone should have received their AGM papers, which include a financial report as well as minutes and a general overview of our year. I am sure everyone is rushing to complete their renewal forms, ready for another year of lectures and outings.

We will have a raffle again, a book on the Bauhaus movement, one of the subjects to be discussed at our day of Interest. Raffle - £1 only.

**Coffees:** We will not be serving coffees but please feel free to bring your own.

**Ventilation:** we need to keep the airflow in the Centre by either keeping some doors or windows open. Bring a warm jacket.

### **Upcoming events: Tickets for sale**

**Day of Special Interest (DSI): Thursday 11 November 2021- £30 only (Cheques and transfers preferred)**

**Coffee/tea before the meeting, 3 1-hour lectures, ploughman's lunch with a glass of wine**

### **European Modernism and Art Deco 1920-1940 by Anne Anderson**

**Tickets are in demand! Several sold at last month's meeting. The booking form is now on the website and requests for tickets is ongoing. Get yours while you can! A leaflet with all details can be found on the website. Even better: you can print it off and conveniently fold it in three like our programme. Those members who paid by transfer or cheque since the meeting, you can pick up your ticket next week or at the DSI. Guests welcome.**



I am repeating my summary of last month as this will indeed be a lecture to remember. A brilliant speaker - three interesting lectures, each with a different theme but linked through the period in which they are set. No time to get bored or fidgety; these lectures on Art Deco in Paris, famous designers like Lalique and architectural styles such as The Bauhaus and the work by Corbusier will be riveting. Something for everyone. We'll greet you with a coffee, ply

you with a glass of wine at lunchtime and a fabulous Ploughman's lunch. All that for the modest sum of £30 only. As this is Remembrance Day, there will be a minute's silence at 11.00 am.

## **Festive Drinks and Mince Pies – 16 November 21 after the meeting - £2.50**

It helps if you could have the correct money handy when purchasing your ticket. This will be a good opportunity to get together in an informal setting and catch up with each other.



### **October's Lecture: MICHELANGELO: Paper, Stone and Flesh – Daniel Evans**

Dan is an educationalist with a passion for all things Italian. He is a Housemaster and Teacher at Cheltenham College but also leads educational study trips to Italy.

We will learn more about the famous artist and his work.



### **Visit to Firle Place on Tuesday 5 October 2021**

This was a most successful outing. Coffee and a home baked biscuit on arrival, followed by an informative tour which also included the amazing Regency costumes, made from paper. Fuller feedback can be found on the website under Visits/Firle Place.

## **Arts Volunteering**

As we no longer have a dedicated Arts Volunteering Committee Member (feel free to apply), it was decided to give a donation this year towards the sponsorship of the West Dean student Andrew Braund. He studies metalwork and showed some beautiful examples of his work earlier in the year. His speciality is Historic Craft Practices and one of his projects was to make a full suit of 17th century cuirassier armour with an accompanying sword. The Area Committee decided to continue sponsoring Andrew while he completes his MA this coming year. Hopefully we will see more of his work.

## **The Past**

I discovered amongst the boxes full of papers, 'inherited' when I took over as Chair, a thick book full of old Minutes, paper cuttings, letters and much more. Did you know that our Arun Society was started by an East Preston lady, Mrs Rosalind Osborne who had been a member of NADFAS since 1974. The inaugural meeting took place on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1982, in the Methodist Centre with 154 members. On the day, according to the Arun Gazette, many people queuing for admission, had to be turned away as the Centre was packed to capacity.

I will share any other bits of interesting information as I work my way through this book.

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Chair